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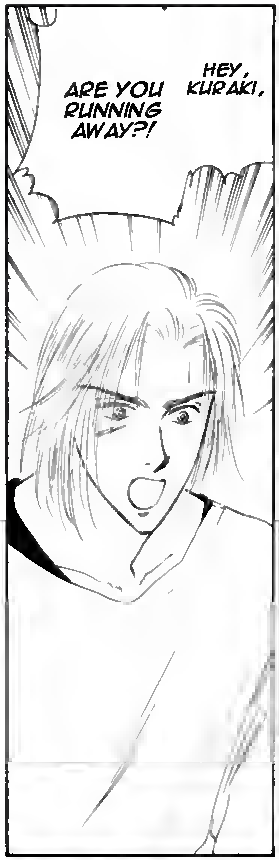


The Story so Far...

NANACHI YUKA TAKEO'S LITTLE SISTER SHE IS ANGRY WITH HER GOOD-NATURED OLDER BROTHER

FUZUCHI KOH KURAKI'S COUSIN HE THINKS OF KURAKI AS A RIVAL

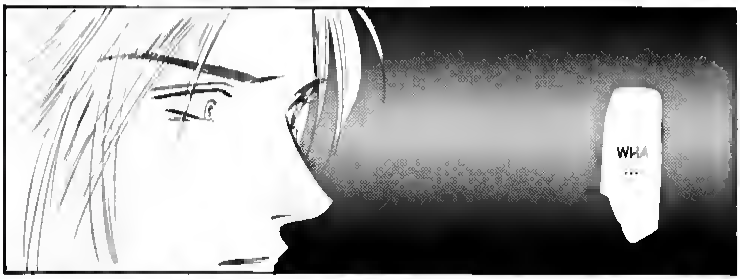
NANACHI TAKEO: DESCENDANT OF A MASTER SWORD SMITH BOUND CLOSELY TO KURAKI BY FATE

FUZUCHI KURAKI: SHAMAN WHO MANIPULATES SPIRITS WITH HOLY SWORDS SOPHOMORE IN HIGH SCHOOL

■ UNIVERSITY STUDENT TAKEO FROM TOKYO MET THE YOUNG SHAMAN KURAKI WHILE DOING RESEARCH FOR A THEATRE TROUPE IN THE MOUNTAINS OF IZUMO. KURAKI IS FATED TO SEAL AWAY THE DEEP-SEATED GRUDGE WHICH THE ANCIENT IZUMO TRIBE HAS LEFT BEHIND.

■ SOME TIME LATER, KURAKI CAME TO TOKYO. WHEN LOOKING FOR TAKEO, HE MET TAKEO'S LITTLE SISTER YUKA, WHO WAS SHAKEN BY THEIR ENCOUNTER. TAKEO, UPON REALIZING THAT HE MISSED KURAKI, BEGAN TO SEARCH FOR HIM. WHEN LOOKING FOR KURAKI, TAKEO VISITED KURAKI'S UNCLE'S HOUSE, BUT THE ONE HE MET THERE WAS KURAKI'S COUSIN KOH. MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HE DESPISED KURAKI, KOH TOOK HIM TO THE DOJO AND TORMENTED HIM THERE. KURAKI SOON ARRIVED, WHERE THE SITUATION ESCALATED TO A FIGHT WITH REAL SWORDS BETWEEN KOH AND KURAKI.

WHAT'S THE USE OF FIGHTING AGAINST YOU?
NOT TO MENTION THAT IT'S OBVIOUS WHO'D WIN.


WHA...

BUT NOT NOW.
IT'S NECESSARY THAT I'M THE HEAD
IF YOU WANT THE STATUS OF HEAD THAT BADLY, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.

KUKAKI-KUN..
FOR THAT I NEED THE HELP OF THE ENTIRE FUZUCHI FAMILY.
AND THE FINANCIAL POWER, ABOVE ALL..
UNTIL THE REMAINING FIVE HOLY SWORDS ARE GATHERED...
AND THE "EVIL ENERGY" OF IFLIYA IS DISSOLVED.
A...
ONCE THAT IS SETTLED...
AND IF YASUKO APPROVES OF IT, THE HEAD SEAT IS YOURS

KOH-KUN...
ARE YOU...
IMPLYING THAT MY DESIRE TO BE HEAD IS A PRETEXT FOR PICKING FIGHTS WITH YOU?
fwip
WHAT DO YOU WANT, THEN?!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME...
BY AT-TACKING ME LIKE THIS EVERY TIME YOU SEE ME?!

I'M IN A HURRY
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO DEAL WITH YOUR SPOILED WAYS
SPOILED... WAYS...?!
YOU... YOU SHOULDN'T DO THIS, KURAKI-KUN! TALKING LIKE THIS...
WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT, IF NOT SPOILED?
I GUESS YOU JUST FEEL INSECURE BECAUSE MY UNCLE WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.

YOU...
JERK!
すたすた

SWIZZ
WHOOSH
STOP IT!

YOU...
WHO
CK

THUD
...FOOL!

UH...
TAKE-CHAN!!
KOH!!

CLATTER
CRASH
AH...

KURAKI-KUN!!
CUT IT OUT!
I'M ALL RIGHT!
HE ONLY HIT ME ON THE HEAD WITH THE HILT!

KURAKI-KUN!!
UH...
Slam
AAH!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
ANYWAY, WAIT HERE FOR NOW.
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
WH... WHAT?!
KURA...
TAKE-CHAN,
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU?
ARE YOU HURT?!
HEY, TAKE-CHAN ...
WAIT!
TAKE-CHAN!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KID-DING!
WITH SUCH A VIOLENT GUY?!
STAY HERE...?

I COULDN'T EVEN...
FEND HIM OFF.
NO MATTER WHAT I DO...?!
I CAN'T...
EAT HIM...
HE WAS SERIOUS
HE DRAW AND ATTACKED ALL AT ONCE
IF HE HADN'T STOPPED THAT SWORD...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MY END
I'M SURE...
DAMN..!

AH.
KURAKI-KUN!
KURAKI-KUUN.
KURAKI-KUN...
WHAT'S WRONG?
IF...

SOME-ONE...
WOULD HAVE ...!
I'D HAVE... KILLED KOH.
BECAUSE... OF SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
IF YOUR LITTLE SISTER HADN'T KNOCKED OVER THE WOODEN SWORDS ...
KURAKI-KUN...
MAYBE ...
SOME-THING IS WRONG WITH ME...
BECAUSE I KILLED MY FATHER.

MAYBE SOME-WHERE DEEP DOWN...
IT BECAME EASIER FOR ME TO KILL SOMEONE.
I STOPPED THE SWORD...
THAT I FELT IT CUT THROUGH BONES...
THE SAME WAY IT DID WITH MY FATHER...
THE PROOF IS...
BUT IN MY MIND, I HIT HIM.
WH... WHAT NON-SENSE!!
GRAB

LOOK AT ME, KURAKI-KUN!
THEN NOTHING COULD HAVE STOPPED YOU. NO MATTER WHAT RUCKUS YUKA MADE!!
IF YOU WANTED TO DO IT..
THAT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A FEELING!
THE FACT IS THAT YOU STOPPED YOUR SWORD, ISN'T IT?!
THEN YOU CAN CARRY ON YOUR FATHER'S WILL!!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

MY FATHER'S WILL...
YOUR FATHER THOUGHT THAT YOU'D BE ABLE...
TO FULFIL THE EARNEST WISH THE FUZUCHI FAMILY HAS HAD FOR 1700 YEARS.
YOU WERE ENTRUSTED WITH IT
AND ASKED TO TAKE CHARGE OF IT, WEREN'T YOU?
TAKE-CHA...
IF YOU ARE WEIGHED DOWN BY YOUR PART IN YOUR FATHER'S "DEATH" FOREVER?!
THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN ...

YOU'RE CLUMSY.
BUT KOH-KUN IS CLUMSY IN A DIFFERENT WAY, TOO.
AND HE'S DOWNRIGHT HONEST, TO BOOT.
I ALSO KNOW THAT THAT WILL LEAD TO FIGHTS.
YOU BOTH HAVE A HARD TIME PUTTING YOUR THOUGHTS INTO WORDS.
YOU SURE BECOME A "GOOD BOY" IN FRONT OF ADULTS...
BUT THAT..
IS FOR YOUR FATHER'S SAKE, ISN'T IT?
...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... BY THAT?

BY PLAYING THE IMPECCABLE SON...
YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR UNCLES PRAISE YOUR FATHER, DON'T YOU?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR KOH-KUN, WHO'S SO HONEST...
TO UNDERSTAND FEELINGS LIKE THAT.
YOU WANT TO MAKE THEM SAY...
THAT THIS IS EXPECTED OF A SON THAT WAS RAISED BY THE FORMER HEAD, YOUR FATHER.
IF YOU WANT HIM TO UNDERSTAND,
YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM IN WORDS.

FREE TALK 〈1〉

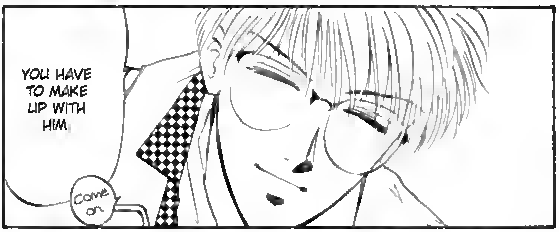
5か月の御無沙汰てした。前巻と違って（前巻は2年と9か月）とっとと出てしまった第3巻です。このペースが守れるよう頑張ります〃

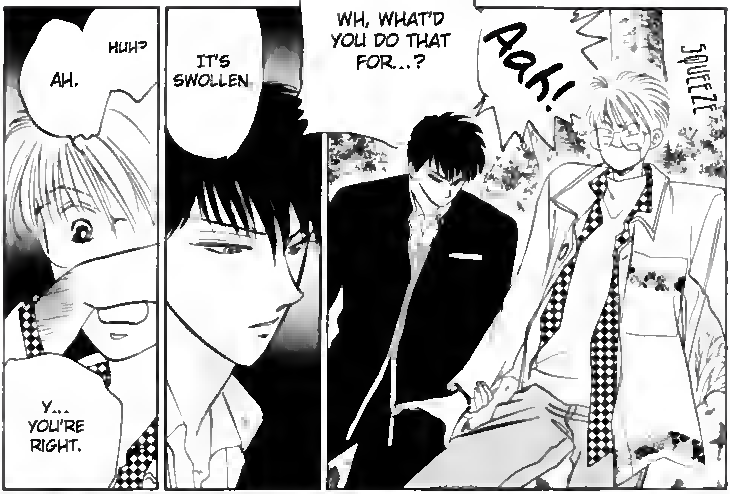
もうひとつの作品「獣王星」と並行で描きさえしなければこのペースは守れるのですが

あっちも始めてしまった以上、1年1冊ペースは守りたいしでつらいところてす。

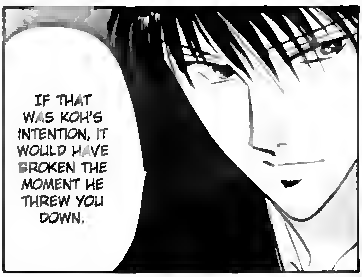
量産がきく体なら良かったんですが、最近やたら首やら腰やら痛くて無理が効かなくて。ううう、殺しても死なん丈夫な体が欲しい〜。

そんなこんなで不定期に出るかもしれん「八雲立つ」の単行本ですが、これからも本屋さんで目に止まったらお買い上げよろしく。その分画面はビシバシに頑張らせて頂きます！




WH, WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR...?
Aah!
SQUEEZE
HUH?
AH.
IT'S SWOLLEN.
Y... YOU'RE RIGHT.

I WONDERED WHETHER IT BROKE WHEN HE THREW ME DOWN...
AND TWISTED MY ARM.


IF THAT WAS KOH'S INTENTION, IT WOULD HAVE BROKEN THE MOMENT HE THREW YOU DOWN.

KOH USED A JOINT-LOCKING TECHNIQUE ON YOU, RIGHT?
IT'S GOING TO SWELL EVEN MORE
Y... YEAH.

NO WONDER.
he's a fighter descended from ancient martial artists all right
HEY.
HUH?
HE EVEN DOES ANCIENT MARTIAL ARTS?
WH. WHAT?
KOH IS SO SKILFUL IN IT THAT HE HAS THE POSITION OF AN ASSISTANT MASTER
MY UNCLE ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE TEACHES ANCIENT MARTIAL ARTS
STEPPING INTO A FIGHT WITH REAL SWORDS!!
DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN.
S SORRY
YOU'D BE DEAD FOR SURE!
BECAUSE IT WAS KOH, HE COULD AVOID YOU THIS TIME. BUT IF IT HAD BEEN AN INEXPERIENCED FIGHTER,
KOH ALSO ONLY DREW HIS SWORD BECAUSE IT WAS ME
I KNEW THAT HE WAS GOING TO ATTACK ME, SO I COULD HAVE DODGED HIM EASILY.

I JUST ACTED WITHOUT THINKING
I PROMISE THAT I WON'T DO IT AGAIN
AND MADE THINGS UNNECESSARILY DIFFICULT
THE SWORD LOOKED TERRIBLY SHARP
AT CLOSE RANGE
FOR SOME REASON
I'M STARTING TO TREMBLE NOW
That's the sharpest Japanese sword in the world which could cut a Zwilling* blade in two too
WH... WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE THAT BLUNT?
I JUST HAD TO DO SOMETHING, YOU KNOW.
*Zwilling (Twin) J.A. Henckels is a knife manufacturer based in Solingen, Germany
BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE WEAK..
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE COWARDLY OR COURAGEOUS.
YOU SOMETIMES DO THE CRAZIEST THINGS WITHOUT EVEN BLINKING
SO YOU'D TRY TO FIGHT AGAINST KOH BAREHANDED AGAIN?

THEN LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU.
BECAUSE I WON'T SAVE YOU NEXT TIME.
Shake Shake Shake
AND RIGHT AFTER HE JUST LOOKED LIKE CRYING
EVEN THOUGH HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS, IT'S HARD
IT'S REASSURING
ACTING LIKE A TOUGH GUY IS MORE LIKE HIM.
DID THE SPRING GO TO HIS HEAD?
BUT ..
IS THIS KURAKI-KUN REALLY BETTER?

HE CAN SMILE...
THERE'S NO WAY...
"BECAUSE IT'S A RARE THING THAT HE BECOMES ATTACHED TO SOME-ONE."
SO SHE WAS SERIOUS ABOUT IT...

HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME?!
YOU TOLD ME TO COME WITH YOU AND LED ME HERE, DIDN'T YOU?
Hmph
WHY...
THEY'RE PERFECTLY HAPPY ALL BY THEM-SELVES.

WHAT, DO YOU ONLY SMILE FOR TAKE-CHAN!?
How humiliating!
double
Not to mention that my rival is my big brother!!
UH, I FEEL SO MISERABLE I COULD CRY
LOOM
EEK!
I'VE NEVER BEEN IGNORED BY ANYONE UNTIL NOW
EVEN THOUGH... EVEN THOUGH TAKE-CHAN IS AS GOOD AS MY SERVANT
HEY HEY

AH!

UH!
DID YOU SAY LOSER?!
SO, YOU WON?

dong
THE LOSER FROM BEFORE

SHUT UP

I'M HIS YOUNGER SISTER.
I NEEDED SOMETHING FROM THE GUY YOU JUST TRIED TO KILL.
I DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS AT YOUR HOUSE.
ENTERING SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE WITHOUT PERMISSION.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?
NANACHI'S?
I CAME WITH KURAKI-KUN.
RIGHT.
BESIDES, I DIDN'T ENTER WITHOUT PERMISSION!

WELL, I'M GOING HOME NOW.
TELL THAT TO KURAKI-KUN.
WH... WHY ME?!
YOU TREATED ME LIKE A THIEF, SO THAT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO.
SHE'S GIVING ME THE COLD SHOULDER
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT GIRL...?
HUH...?!
IS THIS...
THAT "EVIL ENERGY"...
COULD I "OBSESS" SOMEONE WHO'S SO "FULL OF LIFE"
"EVIL ENERGY"?!
NO WAY...
IT CAN'T BE!

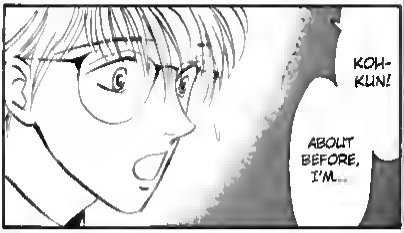
SHE'S AT THE DOJO.
I TOTALLY FORGOT!
AH!
DARN
YUKA!
DO YOU THINK THAT SHE'S WAITING?
UH, I'M AFRAID OF GOING HOME...
I DON'T THINK SO...
BUT...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...
AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT FROM YOUR LITTLE SISTER, SHE'S GOT STRONG OSCILLATIONS.
THE AREA AROUND HER WAS TEEMING WITH "ENERGY" THAT WAS DRAWN TOWARDS HER

WHAT? YOU MEAN SPIRITS OR EVIL ENERGY?
NO MATTER HOW OFTEN I TELL YOU, YOU NEVER MEMORIZE ANYTHING.
"ENERGY" IS ALL THE ENERGY THAT'S PRODUCED NATURALLY.
OF COURSE, SPIRITS ARE INCLUDED, TOO
EVIL SPIRITS ARE THE BAD GUYS AMONG THE "ENERGY".
IF THEY BECOME EVEN MORE EVIL OVER THE YEARS,
THEY TURN INTO "EVIL ENERGY".
OH, YOU MEMORIZED IT.
SO, IT'S A GHOST AFTER ALL
BUT I TOLD YOU THAT THEY'RE ALL OF THE SAME KIND
BUT YOUR SISTER'S OSCILLATIONS ARE STRONG, SO SHE WON'T BE AFFECTED BY THAT AMOUNT OF EVIL SPIRITS.
YOURS ARE STRONGER, THOUGH.
HUH?
THEY'RE AROUND ME?!
MINE?!
NO, THEY AREN'T.
YOURS ARE TOO STRONG FOR WEAK "ENERGY" TO APPROACH

YOU ARE A DESCENDANT OF THE SWORD SMITH MIKACHI-HIKO...
THANK GOD.
I'M HOPELESS WHEN IT COMES TO GHOSTS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THEM.
WHO WAS THE SINGLE PERSON WHO FORGED THE HOLY SWORDS WHICH CAN DISSOLVE ALL OF THE "EVIL ENERGY"
WITHIN YOUR BLOODLINE YOU'RE CLOSEST TO MIKACHIHIKO.
THAT'S WHY "KAGUTSUCHI" RESPONDED TO THE HOLY SWORD "MIZUCHI."
BUT HE'S ONLY AN ANCESTOR.
OH!

THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SIX HOLY SWORDS THAT WERE STOLEN FROM IZUMO 50 YEARS AGO HAVE ELUDED US..
NO MATTER HOW MUCH...
YOU...
WERE THERE
OR HOW WE SEARCHED FOR THEM...
SO THERE WERE PEOPLE WITHIN THE FAMILY WHO GAVE UP, TOO
THE HOLY SWORDS WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK TO YOU BY THEMSELVES.
ALL I NEED TO DO IS WATCH YOU.
WATCH ME...?
FOR HOW LONG?
UNTIL THE REMAINING FIVE SWORDS ARE GATHERED

THE WHOLE TIME.
AS STALKING ME?
F... FOR REAL?!
THE WHOLE TIME?
I... ISN'T THAT JUST THE SAME...
Whaat?!
THAT JERK DOES HE HATE BEING WITH ME THAT MUCH? OH, OKAY I SEE NEVER MIND EVEN IF HE BEGS ME FOR HELP THE NEXT TIME I DEFINITELY WON'T SAVE HIM. YEAH. IF I SAY I WON'T DO IT, THEN I WON'T
OH MY THEN IT'S TOTALLY ALL RIGHT THIS WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE ONCE I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND AND A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME HAS PASSED I'LL INTRODUCE HIM AS MY "YOUNGER BROTHER." YES THAT'S RIGHT I'LL LOOK FOR A YOUNGER GIRL THAT LIKES OLDER MEN TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT SOONER
...HEY.
I'm a good friend anyway
They'll all turn to Kuraki kun
Darn, if someone like him is with me all the time, I'll never find a girlfriend
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL BE TOGETHER WITHOUT END
gloomy
I WON'T STAY TOO CLOSE OR TOO FAR AWAY.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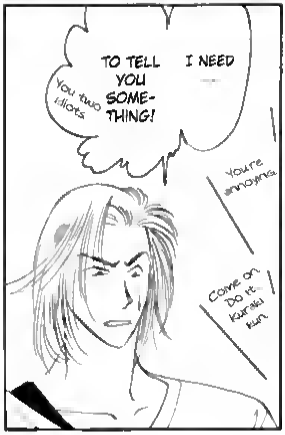
ABOUT BEFORE, I'M...

HEY...

SORRY...
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?


I NEED TO TELL YOU SOME-THING!
You two idiots.
You're annoying.
Come on. Do it, Kuraki-kun.

WHY ME?
COME ON, MAKE UP.
KURAKI-KUN, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO AGGRES-SIVE.
DON'T BE SHY. YOU WERE JUST CRITICIZING YOURSELF, WEREN'T YOU?

YOUR LITTLE SISTER JUST WENT HOME
YOU BROUGHT HER WITH YOU, RIGHT, KURAKI?
YEAH
WASN'T SHE HAUNTED BY SOMETHING?
YEAH I COULD SEE "ENERGY" OF VARIOUS KINDS.
DO YOU MEAN THAT?
IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS POSSESSED BY "EVIL ENERGY."
TO ME...
IF IT WASN'T MY IMAGINATION,
THEN HER HEART IS ABOUT TO BE DEVOURED.

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